

ANS Correspondence

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March 29, 1918

Gentlemen:

I have obtained from the Treasury Department opportunity to photograph the Eagle Medal, and have prepared a story for use in The Star describing it as the first American War Medal, giving credit to the medalist and the American Numismatic Society.

It is, however, observed that the accompanying brochure carries a half tone reproduction of the plaque that is marked copyright. The Star would run the copyright line, assuming that the copyright applies to rights of reproduction in photography as well as in metal.

In view of the fact, however, that it is so marked as copyrights, I would not assume that the consent of the Treasury Department suffices, and seek your permission to run the print of the medal with such copyright acknowledgement.

As the story advertises the medal and makes for war propaganda, it seems certain that you will be pleased to extend such permission by return mail.

Yours very truly,

To

The President,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York, N.Y.

Mayo Dudley

The writer is responsible for the account of German War Medals appearing in April Munsey's, to which he would call attention of collectors.

March 33, 1918

Mayo Dudley, Es. .,  
The Evening Star,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 29th is at hand. On behalf of the Society, I am very glad to extend permission to reproduce our Eagle Medal; we should like to have one or two copies of your article for our files. I note you will make acknowledgement, and this is entirely satisfactory. It might be well to make plain in your text that the subscription was open to members of the American Numismatic Society only, and that the subscription has closed. Otherwise we should have inquiries whether we could send the medal. The subscription closed Sept. 29th, 1917.

Yours very truly,

President.

National Press Club

Washington

22 February 1919

Dear Mr. Adams:

The story of Commemorative War Medals, official and unofficial productions of the contesting nations, especially of the remarkable output of Germany, was of my authorship. I invite your attention to the extensive article and photographs appearing in Munsey's magazine of April, last year.

The account had the endorsement of the director of the mint, Ray T. Baker. The United States Congress, on a motion introduced in the Senate, considered the propriety of reprinting as an historical document; only refraining as an act of economy at such time.

Since then, I have largely increased the number of coins described, but have put the mms. away for some time on account of other interests. To bring it up to the minute might require additional labor.

Although the story was copyrighted, I have permission of the magazine publishers to dispose of the material as I may. That actuates my letter.

Would it interest the American Numismatic Society to undertake publication for both numismatic

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purposes and the further public interest that such an historic book might excite? I should be pleased to correspond with you to this end, and can display the mms. to you in present form.

There are over sixty medals illustrated, obverse and reverse, mostly photographic and the original plates or prints available.

Yours very truly

Mayo D. Dudley

To

Mr. Edward D. Adams, president,  
American numismatic Society,  
New York, N.Y.

I had the honor of having published in The Star, of Washington, an account and illustration of the A.N.S.'s medal commemorative of the entry of the U.S. into the world war. We exchanged correspondence at the time, and I take occasion to recall it to you.

February 28th, 1919.

Mr. Mayo Dudley,  
National Press Club,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 22nd addressed to Mr. Adams has been received. We have a copy of your article of last year, and I know the value of your work. Unfortunately the next issue of our Journal must be so long deferred that I fear your work would lose its effectiveness through the delay, and I am therefore very sorry to feel obliged to decline your thoughtful placing of it at our disposal.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.